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Price 3d.] EDINBURGH, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1. 1786.

THEATRE ROYAL.

To-Morrow, THURSDAY, March 2. will be presented,
A Comedy, called, The
SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL.

Sir Peter Teazle, Mr WILSON,
Being his first appearance in that character.
Joseph Surface, Mr WOODS;
Sir Oliver Surface, Mr Wilmot-Wells;—Crabtree, Mr Kippling;—Sir Benjamin Backbite, Mr Hallion;—Moses, (the Jew), Mr O'Reilly;—Careless, (with the original song) Mr Bell;—Rowley, Mr Charteris;—Snake, Mr Bland, Jun.; Trip, Mr Michel;
And Charles Surface, Mr LA-MASH.
Mrs Candour, Mrs WILMOT-WELLS;
Lady Sneerwell, Mrs O'Reilly;—Maria, Mrs Woods;
And Lady Teazle, Mrs KEMBLE,
Being her first appearance in that character.

To which will be added, a celebrated Burletta, called,
MIDAS.

Midas, Mr WILSON;
Pan, Mr O'REILLY,
Sileno, Mr MICHEL;
Jupiter, Mr W. WELLS;—Damætas, Mr BLAND, Jun.
And Apollo, Mr BELL.
Daphne, Mrs KEMBLE;
Mysis, Mrs CHARTERIS;—Juno, Mrs MOUNTFORT;
And Nysa, Mrs ILIFF.

☞ The celebrated Dramatic Satire the REHEARSAL, judiciously reduced to Three Acts, was received on Monday evening last with universal applause. Due notice will be given of its second representation.

TEAS.

ALLAN, STEUART, and COMPANY, are to expose by public auction, within their Warehouses in Leith, upon Tuesday the 14th instant, at eleven o'clock forenoon,

A considerable quantity of BLACK and GREEN TEAS, not less than 100 chests; or from that quantity to 200 chests, as interim sales may determine.—These are the remainder of a parcel of Teas consigned them for sale, direct from the India Company's Warehouses, and the proprietor has ordered them to be sold without reserve.

The Teas to be exposed, may be viewed on the morning of the day of sale, and on the Tuesday and Wednesday preceding.

N. B. There is always a large stock of all kinds of Teas kept at the above Warehouse, for sale to Dealers only; and the trade may depend on fresh assortments being brought down every sale from the East India House.

Leith, March 1. 1786.

Sale of Household Furniture,

WELL SEASONED MAHOGANY, &c.

THE COPARTNERY between JOHN and FRANCIS REID, cabinetmakers in Glasgow, being sometime ago Dissolved—the whole Stock of FURNITURE belonging to John Reid is to be exposed to sale by public roup, at his Warehouse in Candleriggs, on Monday the 6th of March, consisting of

Double and single Chests of Drawers.
Commode and Sattin Wood ditto.
Desks, Desks and Book-cases, Bureaus, and Book-cases.
Clock-cases, Dining, Breakfast, Card, Tea, and Toilet Tables.
Cloath Presses, Press Beds, Cupboards, Bason Stands, Backgammon Tables, Knife-cases, Tea Chests, Cradles, Treas; Mahogany and Sattin Wood Candlesticks; Mahogany, Elm, and Easy Chairs; Mahogany Posted and Tent Bedsteads, with a variety of Dressing Glasses.

Sale to begin each day at eleven o'clock, and to continue till all are sold off.

Also in Lots,

On Wednesday the 15th March, a Quantity of well-seasoned MAHOGANY, in Logs and Boards, Red and White Cedar, Poplar, Brown Madeira, &c. belonging to John Reid.

Sale to begin at eleven o'clock.

N. B. Francis Reid continues to carry on the business at his Warehouse, Argyle Street, opposite Maxwell Street.

Villa at Dalkeith for Sale.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the house of Robert Davidson, vintner in Dalkeith, upon Friday the 17th day of March curt. at three o'clock afternoon,

That Large DWELLING-HOUSE, consisting of three stories, with the office-houses, garden, and pleasure ground belonging thereto, delightfully situated on the south side of the town of Dalkeith, the property of William Hislop merchant there.

For particulars enquire at George Hislop merchant in Dalkeith, or Thomas Duncan, writer in Edinburgh.

For NEW-YORK,

THE SAMUEL,
WILLIAM JAMIESON Master,

Now lying at Greenock, ready to receive goods on board, and will be clear to sail about the 1st March.

The Samuel is a very fine vessel, and well calculated for passengers, has a British register, and a Mediterranean pass.

For freight or passage, apply to John Burnside, and Company, Glasgow, or John Holmes and Company, Greenock.

FOR PHILADELPHIA,
THE SHIP

ALEXANDER,
ALEXANDER RITCHIE Master.

She is a good vessel, sails fast, has a new Mediterranean pass, and excellent accommodations for passengers; is expected to be ready to take in goods at Greenock by the 20th of March, and will be clear to sail by the 10th of April.

For freight or passage, apply to Messr. Allan and Steuart, Edinburgh, Mr William Donald merchant, Glasgow, or John Stuart, Greenock.

FOR QUEBEC AND MONTREAL,
THE SHIP OCEAN,

WILLIAM KINNEAR Master,

Now ready to receive goods at Greenock, and will positively sail first fair wind, after the 20th of March.

For freight or passage, apply to Hamilton, Garden, and Company, Greenock, or to James Buchanan, Glasgow.

The Ocean is a large ship, and will be particularly fitted for the accommodation of passengers.

Auction of Books.

THIS day is published, a Catalogue of a very curious and rare COLLECTION of BOOKS, many of them very elegantly bound, being the library of the late Dr DAVID SPENCE, which will begin to be sold by auction, on Monday, March 6, and continue nine nights, at Mr Fysse's Ware-room, next door to Corri and Sutherlands Music Shop, Bridge Street.

The Books to be seen every forenoon, from eleven to three. Catalogues to be had at W. Martin's, Lawn Market.

N. B. Dr Spence's Prints to be sold on Monday the 20th.

A HEAD MILLER WANTED
AT THE BAKERS MILLS OF GLASGOW.

AS the HEAD MILLER at the Mills of the Incorporation of Bakers near Glasgow is now on the decline of life, and has resigned his office, a PERSON is WANTED to succeed him.

In order to qualify him for properly executing the office of Head Miller, it is necessary that he should be skilled in grain, and acquaint with the management of mills.—It will also be incumbent on him to contract for the carriage of the grain manufactured at these mills, to and from Glasgow; and as a considerable trust must be reposed in him, it is requisite that he find security to the extent of 500l. for his faithful management.

These suitably qualified, may apply to Deacon Robert Galloway, who will inform them of the encouragement to be given, and the regulations to be observed.

Glasgow, Feb. 17. 1786.

SALE OF LANDS IN AYR-SHIRE
POSTPONED.

THE Lands and Barony of HAININGROSS, and great part of the Lands and Barony of CESSROCK and BARR, lying contiguous, within the parishes of Riccartoun and Gaulston, and shire of Ayr, consisting of about 3100 Scots acres, and valued in the cess-books at 1754 l. 4 s. 1 d. to be sold by roup within the Exchange Coffeehouse of Edinburgh, on Friday the 10th March curt. in place of the 1st March as formerly advertised, at six o'clock afternoon, in one or more lots, as purchasers shall incline. If the latter, the following are proposed:

1. The Haining lot. Free rent L. 525:3:7 4-12ths Sterling.
2. The Aird lot. Free rent L. 618:7:1 8-12ths.
3. The Millands lot. Free rent L. 577:7:0 3-12ths.
4. The Langside lot. Free rent L. 121:10:7.

For further particulars, apply to William Fullarton of Rosemount, Esq; or John Russell, jun. clerk to the signet.

JUDICIAL SALE OF
A Decreet of Adjudication.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, upon Friday the 3d day of March curt. betwixt the hours of four and six afternoon,

The remaining LOT of the SUBJECTS which belonged to JOHN GRAHAM of Corriehaw,

LOT III. A DECREET of ADJUDICATION, at the instance of the above John Graham, against John Carruthers of Bogside, for payment of two accumulated sums, which amount, with interest at Candlemas last, to 467 l. 18 s. Sterling; and which is now to be set up at 500 l. Sterling.

The articles of sale may be seen at the office of Mr Kirkpatrick, depute-clerk of session.

Sale of Lands in Annandale.

TO be SOLD, by private bargain,

THE Lands of SELCOTH and FOWLSHAWS, lying in the parish of Moffat, stewartry of Annandale, and sheriffdom of Dumfries.

These lands consist partly of sheep-pasture, and partly of arable lands, both excellent in their kind, are pleasantly situated on Moffat water, within three measured miles of the village of Moffat, where there is a ready market for the produce. They hold of the Marquis of Annandale for payment of a feu-duty of 11 s. 1 d. 4-12ths Sterling. The present free rent payable by a good tenant, is 97 l. Sterling, which, in all probability will rise considerably upon the expiration of the current lease, at Whitsunday 1790. The teinds will be conveyed alongst with the lands.

These subjects march with the lands of Craigyburn, which are just now advertised for sale. A purchaser may therefore, if he incline, have an opportunity of increasing his property, by these adjoining lands.

There is a good modern dwelling-house, of two storeys, on the premisses, with suitable offices.

For further particulars apply to the proprietor at Scotstown in Tweeddale, or to Mr James Campbell writer in Edinburgh, who will show the title-deeds, and current lease.—And Peter Tod at Holmhead, near Moffat, will show the lands to persons intending to purchase.

Houses in Prince's Street, & Mews Lane.

TO be SOLD, by public roup, within John's Coffeehouse Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 15th day of March curt. between the hours of five and six afternoon,

That LODGING situated on the north side of Prince's Street, immediately adjoining to Poole's Coffeehouse, consisting of four flats, with garrets, cellars, and other conveniencies, and the coach-house and stable belonging thereto, in the stable-court to the north of Prince's Street, all under lease to Mr Lauder surgeon, for twelve years from Whitsunday last, at the yearly rent of 74 l. 10 s. The ground-floor of the Lodging is at present used as a shop, and is possessed by William Humble sadler; the remainder by Mr Lauder.

Also, That BACK LODGING in the Mews Lane of Prince's Street, with the work-house and pertinents below the same, all under lease for four years from Whitsunday last, to Messr. Marshall and Armstrong plumbers, at the yearly rent of 32 l. and presently possessed by them.

These subjects not being within the royalty, pay no public burdens, and only a very small feu-duty.

The articles of roup, and title-deeds to be seen in the hands of Stewart Moodie writer in Edinburgh.

NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of the deceased PATRICK STEWART of Cluny, sometime Merchant in Perth.

AN action of Sale of the lands and estate of Cluny, which belonged to the said deceased Patrick Stewart, having been lately brought before the Court of Session, at the instance of the Rev. Mr James Stewart, minister of the gospel at Kilbranden, in Argyleshire, his brother and apparent heir, for payment of the creditors of the said Patrick Stewart, an act of roup and sale was lately pronounced therein, and the sale of the lands will be brought on, under the authority of the Court, during the course of next summer session.

It is therefore requested, that in the meantime the creditors of the said Patrick Stewart, will give in notes of their debts, and how the same are constituted, to Thomas Fowler, at the office of William Macdonald writer to the signet, in order to prepare measures for their payment as soon as possible, after the sale of the lands, and prevent every unnecessary expence to the creditors.

Woollen Cloth and Manchester Warehouse,
On the same Flat with Mr FYFE's Umbrella Room, in the High-Street, east corner of the New Bridge.

JUST opened for sale, at the above Warerooms, the largest assortment of Woollen Cloth and Manchester Goods, ever exposed to sale out of London, consisting of several hundred pieces and ends of superfine, broad, and other Cloths, in all the various colours, for the approaching spring, entirely new, and finished under the inspection of the Proprietors, within the last and present months; a large and well-selected variety of elastic Stripes, calculated for Ladies habits, and great coats; a new Manufacture for Gentlemen's waistcoats, made of cotton and Spanish wool, that will not degenerate in colour, or contract in washing; double milled Drabs for great coats, that will resist rain; Velveteens, Velverets, Corduroys, &c. &c. &c. Merchants, Shopkeepers, and Travelers, may be supplied wholesale with any of the above goods, on as low terms as at the different Manufactories; and in order to accommodate the public at large, any part of the stock will be sold in retail, full ten per cent. under the usual prices.

☞ The Proprietors, in confirmation of the above, would wish to submit both the terms and quality of their goods to the decision of a *real judge*, that any purchaser may think proper to bring with him; and if there should not appear a saving of more than ten per cent. in most articles, they will readily give up every pretension to public favour; and as a further inducement, they will accept one half of the purchase money in halfpence, (if of the present reign and weight) and will take good dollars at 4 s. and 4 d. each.

Ground in the Neighbourhood
Of Edinburgh.

TO be SOLD, by public roup, within John's Coffeehouse, on Wednesday the 29th of March current, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon,

That PIECE of INCLOSED GROUND lying at the west end of Castlebarns, formerly part of the lands of Orchardfield, consisting of between six and seven acres presently in grass.

The title-deeds and conditions of sale are to be seen in the hands of James Munro writer in Edinburgh; to whom persons inclining to purchase may apply for further information.

THE Noblemen, Gentlemen, owners and dealers in Coals, Merchants, Manufacturers, and others, who contributed to the expence of an application, for getting the limits of the Scotch Friths ascertained, to distinguish them from open sea, for relief in regard to Coal duties, especially in the lower parts of the Clyde, and on the Scotch side of the Solway Frith, and for a regulation of Customhouse fees in general, especially in the River Forth; and the Delegates appointed from different Counties to assist in this business, are requested to meet in Walker's Tavern, Writer's Court, on Wednesday the 8th March, at eleven o'clock forenoon, in order to receive a report of what has been hitherto done in this affair, and to concert what further steps should be taken for obtaining the ends proposed.

By statute 12th Charles II. cap. 12. sect. 9th, the only law that authorises the taking of Customhouse dispatches, and which is the palladium of [illegible] Trade, no dispatches or fees can be taken on any goods whatsoever, *but such as are kept to be carried forth to the open sea.* This law is extended to Scotland by the Union of the kingdoms, and has been constantly adhered to in England, and even on the Clyde. It is further enacted, by statute 6th Anne, cap. 26. sect. 17. "That all regulations for navigation, and for carrying goods coastways, shall be the same in Scotland as in England; and that our merchants and others shall enjoy every benefit, allowance, advantage, or remedy in all matters of trade, as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as if the same were or should be in England."

It has been established by a special verdict in our Court of Exchequer last term, that no fees or dispatches, especially by bond and cocket, are exacted on goods, not even *Salt or Coals* on the English Rivers, or Friths of the Tyne, Mersey, and Dee.—In particular, that none are taken on the great Frith of the Humber, within the points called the *Spurn* on the north, and Gainthrop in Lincolnshire on the south, though it be navigable for sea vessels by different branches 80 or 100 miles higher up, nor upon the great Frith of the Severn, above the islands called *Holmes*, situated about 20 miles below Bristol, though it be navigable 160 miles higher up. The same practice, as to the carriage of goods on the Thames, was also established by a special verdict in a former term of Exchequer.

The River Forth is, however, directly against law, considered all as open sea to Stirling bridge; and dispatches even by bond and cocket, are daily taken upon goods crossing or passing up or down the River at Alloa and above it.

A relief as to great part of the expence on carrying Coals, and some other goods on the Frith, was obtained in 1784; but still what remains on them is directly against law; numberless bonds and cockets continue to be taken on various other kinds of goods, attended with great expence and delay; and even since the above-mentioned relief was obtained, the fees on shipping Coals have already been doubled, from a misinterpretation of a statute, passed in 1785, and still considering every part of this River as open sea.

In England, goods of every kind can pass from the Spurn point, quite across the island by inland navigations, down the Frith of the Mersey on to Liverpool, and some miles further, without ever going near a Customhouse; while here on this River, the smallest quantity, even of lime for manure, a boll or two of seed corn, and the like, cannot pass a peer end, unless in Ferry boats, and some goods not by them, without a Customhouse clearance; and scarcely a single lighter can pass from the nearest parts of the Forth, to or from the Glasgow Canal Navigation, without a bond and cocket, attended with much charge and delay.

The expence and great waste of time to mariners and traders, and the hurt done by this illegal, (and as to revenue useless) practice to the trade, manufactures, and agriculture on the banks of this Noble River, and to the Canal Navigation in particular, especially during the last twelve or fifteen years, is exceedingly great, and indeed beyond conception, to persons not well acquainted with trade. This continued suspension of law, contrary to the treaty of Union, in regard to this the first River in Scotland, after repeated applications for relief, may perhaps now be considered as a badge of our slavery, and the bearing it longer, as an indication of a great decay of the ancient Scotch spirit.

It is therefore hoped, that the Noblemen, Gentlemen, Traders, and Corporations, interested in the trade of the Forth, and particularly the Managers of the Canal, will attend the Meeting by themselves or doers, and contribute their endeavours for obtaining relief from this illegal oppression. Nothing more is intended or desired as to the Forth, but that the law shall have the same free execution on that River, that it has on all similar English ones.

Such persons or Societies, who have not already paid up their subscriptions, and others who may still chuse to contribute, will please to pay the money to Mr John Buchan, clerk to the signet, agent for the Association; and any applications or information to the Meeting, are desired to be addressed to Mr Buchan.

This Day is Published,
THE POLITICAL HERALD
AND REVIEW,

Or, A Survey of Domestic and Foreign Politics; and a Critical Account of Political and Historical Publications.

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This Day is Published,
THE EDINBURGH MAGAZINE,
For FEBRUARY 1786.

British Linen Office,

Edinburgh, February 28. 1786.

THE DIRECTORS of the BRITISH LINEN COMPANY give notice, that a General Court of Proprietors will be held at their office here, on Monday the 6th day of March next, at one o'clock afternoon, for the election of Governor, Deputy Governor, and Directors, for the year ensuing, pursuant to their charter.

No signed list to be received after two o'clock afternoon.

Meeting of Heritors
Of the Parish of St CUTHBERT's.

THE Heritors of the Parish of St Cuthbert's are requested to meet in the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, on Saturday 4th March, at 12 o'clock noon, to consider of a petition presented to the House of Commons, for a Poor's Rate, within the City of Edinburgh. As the proposed bill for the city may materially affect the parish of St Cuthbert's, it is hoped that the meeting will be duly attended.

A House to Let in Ross-shire,
At Miltown of Newtarbat.

THE HOUSE of MILMOUNT, with the garden and offices thereof, which are very proper for the accommodation of any private family, and the situation is a most pleasant one as can be had in any country. It will be set for three years from Whitsunday next. Any person who may wish to have such an accommodation, by writing to John Montgomery, at Milntown of Newtarbat, by Parkhill, will be informed of any further particulars they may wish to know respecting the premisses. Not to be repeated.

INTIMATION.

THE Trustee on the sequestrated estate of JOHN and Mrs BLACK, grocers in Edinburgh, hereby intimates to the Creditors, that the second division of the funds will take place on the 4th day of May next, when a general meeting of the Creditors will be held in the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, at twelve o'clock noon, in order to receive their dividends, and discharge the Trustee; and the scheme of division, with a state of the bankrupts affairs down to this date, will lie open for the inspection of the Creditors in the Trustee's hand, until the said 4th May next.

Edinburgh, March 1. 1786.

Sale of Tacks of Farms,
SET OF A BREWERY, &c.

TO be SOLD, by public roup, in the house of John Lorimer vintner in Dunbar, on Saturday the 11th day of March curt.

The TACK for nine years of the Farm at Tyninghame, with the adjacent kelp rocks belonging to the same. Also, the TACK for ten years of the parks adjacent to it; all as lately possessed by William Knox senior, merchant in Dunbar. The roup to begin at twelve noon.

Also, to be SET, for one year from Whitsunday next, the Large Brewery, large Garners, Brown and Pale Malt-kilns, Red Herring Houses, Garden, Dwelling-house, and large court or yard, with the stable, and numerous other offices all contiguous, lying at the head of the harbour of Dunbar, as lately occupied by Harry and William Knox and Company, and William Knox, junior, merchant there; the whole making one of the completest and best situated Maltings and Brewery in Scotland.

A large quantity of Brown and Pale Malt, several Pockets and Bags of Good Hops, Strong Ale, Flitched Bacon, Bacon Hams, Bottles, Newcastle Cinders and Oak Faggots for drying malt and curing Red Herrings, &c. are to be sold at said Brewery.

For particulars, application may be made to Alexander Sawers writer in Dunbar.

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE BARGAIN,
The Sloop Brothers,

Now in Leith harbour, (where she will remain fourteen days from the date hereof) with all her Furniture and Stores, built at Oban in Argyleshire, about six months ago, burthen about 100 Tons, well found, [illegible] remarkably fast, [illegible] sight, and very strong built, needs no outfit.

For further particulars, apply to Mr John Hadaway merchant in Leith, or James Hamilton broker, who will show the inventory.

Leith, Feb. 28. 1786. Not to be repeated.

FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE, FEB. 25.

Lord Chamberlain's Office, February 25, 1786.

ON Wednesday the 15th inst. Francis Knight, Esq; was appointed to be one of the Surgeons in Extraordinary to his Majesty's household.

LLOYD's LIST, *Feb.* 24.

THE Brothers, M'Cunn, from Kellibegs to Bristol, is lost on the coast of Scotland; the crew saved.

Elsinore, 11th Feb. The Integrity, Brocklesby, of Hull, who came from Koningsburg to Keel, with a loading of corn, with intent to return to the port she came from to winter, but was forced into the Cancll by the ice, and it is reported would proceed for Hull in ballast. The Sound is at present quite clear of ice. A Swedish vessel from Gottenburgh for Ystad, with herrings, passed up the 7th instant. Captain Barchman sailed up to Copenhagen with part of his cargo the 9th instant, and two Danish brigs passed yesterday for the same place, supposed from Jutland, or Holstein.

Captain Blake, of the Commerce, arrived at Granada from Bristol, on the 18th of October took up the Captain and crew of Le Firme, and landed them at Madeira.

Madeira, 8th Dec. The 3d instant, arrived two Mooriſh ships, one of 16, the other of 10 guns, two more appeared in the offing; the officers say they were sent out to exercise the men, but it is generally supposed here that they are cruising for the Americans; they sailed this day for the Western Islands.

The Lord Hyde packet, for Halifax, is detained till Wednesday next.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

THURSDAY, *Feb.* 23.

On account of the Lord Chancellor's attendance at St James's, the House was not formed until four o'clock. The land-tax bill, the hay bill, and several other bills were received from the Commons. The hay bill was read a first and second time, and ordered to be committed.

FRIDAY, *Feb.* 24.

Read a second time the malt and land tax bills; also the hay continuing bill, and several road and inclosure bills.

Adjourned to Monday.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

TUESDAY, *Feb.* 23.

LANCASTER PETITION.

Robert Colt, Esq; Chairman

R. Burton, Esq;	Gabriel Stewart, Esq;
Henry Cecil, Esq;	John Moore, Esq;
Arch. Douglas, Esq;	W. Bellingham, Esq;
John Dawes, Esq;	Lord Apsley.
Cha. Lefevre, Esq;	Sir R. Affleck.
J. Mortlock, Esq;	T. Steele, Esq;
Ed. Phelips, Esq;	Nominees.
John Rolle, Esq;	

Received a petition from the town of Derby, against the shop-tax. It was presented by Lord George Cavendish.

Mr Bastard's bill for preventing frivolous and litigious suits in the Ecclesiastical Court, and for the more speedy recovery of small tithes, was read a first time, and referred to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr Brett brought up a clause to be added to the mutiny bill, for inflicting a penalty on all persons who shall in future purchase any articles or implements from marines. This occasioned a conversation between Lord Surrey and Mr Brett, after which the clause was received.

Mr Brett gave notice, that, on Wednesday next he intended to move the House on the Navy Estimates.

SHOP-TAX.

The order of the day being read, the House went into a Committee on the shop-tax, Mr Angelo Taylor in the chair. Mr Mingay appeared as counsel for the shopkeepers of the city of London, and in a most elegant and copious speech, he opened the case of his clients, which he divided into three heads; First, the cruelty and partiality of the tax; secondly, the impossibility of his clients being reimbursed by the articles of trade in which they dealt; and thirdly, the exceeding weight of taxes under which the inhabitants of the metropolis at present laboured.—Mr Mingay expatiated upon each of these heads with great force and ingenuity, and called to the bar Mr Stock of Ludgate-hill, who was examined in support of the petition by Mr Bower. In the course of two hours examination, he gave a regular, distinct, and decided evidence, that the shop-tax is a personal tax—falling immediately upon the occupiers of the shops, without a possibility of their being reimbursed by their customers. He stated, that there were upwards of 6000 retail shopkeepers in the city of London. That he had, upon this occasion, consulted with above 2000 of them, all of whom were finally of opinion, that the tax in question was to all intents a personal tax. That the great number of adventurers who are daily starting up in every street, would, by a competition, prevent the retail dealer from raising the price of his commodities. That even were that circumstance practicable, there would be no possibility of fixing the rate, because the least addition in price upon the various articles, would amount to perhaps twenty, thirty, or even forty times more than the tax: For instance, if the grocer could possibly add one halfpenny per pound on his sugar, the tax, instead of being a grievance, would be an estate. But then the hardship would fall upon the public, who would be greatly burthened, and the produce would not find its way into the Exchequer.

Mr Stock's evidence then turned on the weight of taxes already imposed on the inhabitants of this city, which he stated to be in some parishes, in which he had made some enquiry, in the proportion of fourteen shillings and sixpence in the pound. He was desired by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to name the parishes. The witness accordingly named St Giles's Cripple-gate, St Sepulchre, St Bride's, and St Giles's in the Fields. He further stated, that from the infinite variety of articles, and the still greater variety of prices, many retail shopkeepers dealt in, it was impossible to ascertain such an advance in price as would be equal to the tax, without imposing upon the public; as a proof, the witness himself dealt in upwards of two thousand different articles.

The witness had paid one quarter's tax, amounting to 11 l. 10 s. 6 d. which he considered as so much money levied upon him personally, and in this partial way the tax would affect the whole body of retail dealers. Being questioned as to the situation of numbers of these shopkeepers; he replied, that many of them, to his certain knowledge, whose returns were but small, were in such a situation, "that if a guinea could be *insinuated* into their pockets, without hurting the feelings of their families, it would be a desirable object." He further stated, that the tax would fall heaviest where it ought least to be borne; that is to say, the dealers of low condition; whereas the very extensive dealer, by means of his large returns, would not feel it; and therefore, partial as the tax was upon one body of men, it would be rendered still more partial by its operating upon a particular part of that body.

Being asked, Whether a house tax would not be more equitable to his fellow citizens? he replied, he thought it would.

This occasioned Mr *Alderman Newnham* to ask him, "Whether he did not know of an application being made by the City of London against the house tax."

Mr *Alderman Townsend* objected to the question, being irrelevant to the business before the Committee.

The witness was ordered to withdraw, and a debate ensued.

Mr *Alderman Newnham* insisted upon the question being put to the witness; alledging that, by the last answer, an impression was made upon the Committee, that his constituents would barter the shop tax for an house tax; a disposition which, he said, the citizens had not the least idea of, nor the least inclination to submit to; and therefore it ought to appear upon the evidence, that the city petitioned against the house tax, which the Hon. Alderman, both then and now, considered as manifestly partial and oppressive.

Mr Alderman *Sawbridge* took up the same argument with great force. His constituents were so exceedingly oppressed with the variety of taxes lately imposed upon them, that no compromise could possibly be submitted to; nothing less than an absolute repeal would satisfy them.

Sir *Watkin Lewes* spoke to the same effect, with great sensibility. Sir Watkin, with energy and effect, pleaded the cause of his constituents, who were now labouring under such accumulated burdens and oppressions, viz. the house-tax, the insurance-tax, the receipt-tax, and the commutation-tax; and therefore it was necessary to have the answer of the witness.

Several other members spoke, and Mr Alderman Townsend withdrew his opposition.

The witness was called in, and gave his answer, That the city, in its corporate capacity, did petition against the house-tax.

A great number of questions were afterwards put to Mr Stock by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Drake, Mr Joliffe, Mr Alderman Watson, Sir Joseph Mawbey, Sir Thomas Halifax, Mr Martin, Mr Alderman Sawbridge, Sir Watkin Lewes, Sir Edward Dering, and several other Members—the answers to which went to establish one great point, That the tax under consideration is a personal tax, partially laid upon the shopkeeper.

Sir Edward Dering, upon a question put to the witness, relative to the bankers shops, attempted to divide the Committee, when there appeared for Sir Edward's question—none—against it all the House; and the Chairman reported, that there was no Member for the question, to make a teller.

After Mr Stock had answered with great steadiness and infinite propriety a great number of questions, he withdrew; and Mr David Jennings was called to the Bar, and examined by Mr Mingay.

Mr Jennings's evidence corroborated with the last witness, in a very full and strong manner.

The further consideration of this important business was, at *half after nine* o'clock, postponed until next Thursday.

Report was made from the Select Commitee, to determine the undue election for Honiton, in favour of the sitting members, Sir George Yonge and Sir George Collier.

Lord *Courtown* reported, that his Majesty had been waited on with their addresses of yesterday, and that he would give directions as desired.

Passed the malt bill.

In a Committee went through the mutiny bill, the Irish hops export bill, and the American commerce bill, with several amendments, to be reported to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *Feb.* 24.

Ordered the American commerce bill, the marine mutiny bill, and the Irish hop bill, to be severally engrossed.

Received and read a petition from Lancaster against the tax on hawkers and pedlars. Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr Mitford from the Customs in Scotland presented accounts of the quantity of rum imported.

Also of the sums raised on inhabited houses. Ordered to lie on the table.

Deferred ways and means to Monday.

The Secretary at War presented five accounts relative to the distribution of the army. Ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered out a new writ for East Grinstead, in the room of Mr Herbert, who hath accepted the Chiltern Hundreds.

SLANDER.

Major *Scott* rose, and expressed much anxiety for a speedy production of the papers which had been moved for by an Hon. Gentleman for the purpose of criminating Mr Hastings. He appealed to Gentlemen in all parts of the House, how unpleasantly Mr Hastings must find himself situated while such a process pended, and the necessity there consequently was of expediting the business. He here adverted to the slander to which Mr Hastings was exposed in the mean while by the wantonness of his adversaries. A morning paper of Thursday last had expressly asserted, as if from the Hon. Gentleman Mr Burke, though he readily acquitted that gentleman of the charge, "*that persons living under the protection of the British Government had in India actually been put to the torture by the orders of Mr Hastings.*" He, therefore, to prevent such calumnie for the future, was extremely solicitous that the papers moved for were produced. He consequently moved, that the Court of Directors be enjoined to use all possible dispatch in bringing forward that body of evidence, on which the charges against Mr Hastings were to be rested.

The *Speaker* stated the irregularity of this motion.

Mr *Burke* said, no delay in the business should be chargeable on him. He was determined next Tuesday to renew the subject, unless something very particular should happen to prevent him.

THE MILITIA BILL.

The order of the day being read for the House going into a Committee on the Militia Bill, Mr Pye rose and proposed that it should be deferred till Wednesday se'nnight.

Mr *Rolle* stated, that as the assizes were at hand, he could wish to defer the business till the third of April, for in that case he would have time to consult his constituents. He had written to the Hon. Gentleman opposite to him some time ago, that he might have obtained all the information in his power. But he was given to understand that the bill was not perfectly digested. He should therefore hope that some reasonable time would be allowed for taking the sense of the country on a measure which seemed to be of so much consequence.

Mr *Marsham* acknowledged corresponding on the subject on the militia business with the Hon. Gentleman, but declared at the same time, that he had certainly stated what he conceived to be the great principle on which the whole system would turn; namely, that the men should be drawn out for five instead of three years. The bill was otherwise no more than a revisal of all the old laws which related to this institution, and contained nothing beside in any degree novel. So that the Hon. Gentleman knew already whatever he could expect to know by further delay of the subject.

The *Chancellor of the Exchequer* did not imagine that any day more distant than what the Hon. Gentleman who had made the motion mentioned, was in the first instance at least necessary. But if, in the discussion, any point of intricacy or moment appeared to the Committee to be connected with circumstances of consequence, sufficient to merit general attention and investigation, it would then undoubtedly be necessary to suspend the progress of the measure until the public opinion could be fairly and correctly collected. He begged to be understood as pledging himself to no specific or decided part in this question, which he did not wish to prejudge; but he avowed the strongest inclination to meet it openly and manfully.

Two or three other Hon. Members were on their legs during a very short conversation, among whom were Mr Powys, Mr Mitford, and Mr Joliffe; after which the motion, as originally put by Mr Pye, passed unanimously.

Adjourned to Monday.

LONDON, *Feb.* 25.

Yesterday the Court of Directors of the East-India Company unanimously appointed the Right Hon. Earl Cornwallis to be Governor-General of Bengal.

At the Drawing-room on Thursday last Lady Ann and Lady Eliza Hope, the two eldest daughters of the Earl of Hopetoun, were presented to their Majesties.

Wednesday Mr Boscawen kissed the King's hand, at St James's, on being appointed a Commissioner of the Customs, in the room of Montague Burgoyne, Esq; who has resigned.

Lord Hood is appointed Port Admiral at Portsmouth. His Lordship will hoist his flag in a few days.

By letters from Brussels, dated Feb. 16, we are assured, that, notwithstanding the late edict passed by the Emperor, great quantities of hardware of British manufacture are constantly imported into that city, and eagerly purchased by persons of all ranks; the productions of Birmingham and Sheffield being acknowledged superior to those made at Solingen, or any other part of Germany.

Authentic accounts from Lisbon, dated Feb. 7, declare, that advices had been received, dated the latter end of August last, from the Portuguese settlements on the coast of Malabar and Goa, which recited, that great disturbances had happened in the island of Ceylon, belonging to the Dutch East-India Company, occasioned by the depredations of a nation called the Bedas, or (according to the Abbé Raynal) Wedas, a savage people, who had surprised the town of Punto de Gale, and put a number of the inhabitants to the sword: but two days after the Dutch commandant, who had retired to the magazine, and fortified the hospital with about 250 men, suddenly fell upon these barbarians in the midst of their triumph, who made a precipitate retreat, leaving their Chief, and upwards of 400 slain, within the walls of the town and its environs.

The Wedas are, according to the best accounts, a nation of hunters, who live in a state of freedom without habitations. They refuse all subjection to the King of Candia or the Dutch. In the territories of the Malabar princes they often do much mischief; suddenly falling on the inhabitants, whom they plunder, and often kill. The Portuguese, as well as the Hollanders, have been at some pains to reduce these people to obedience and order; but this they have found impossible, partly by reason of the density of the woods, and partly on the account of the unhealthiness of the country where they live, and where they are harder to catch than wild beasts.

The Dutch have at length consented to a commercial treaty of alliance with this country, provided that it does not in any way clash with those other connections which the States have thought it necessary to make. These are their own words; but they shew not the smallest particle of desire to revive any of the old treaties of alliance with Great-Britain; but, on the contrary, whenever our Ambassador has made mention of any thing of that sort, they have always kept aloof. It is almost too humiliating to mention, that the Dutch Government have given no answer whatever to the manifesto which Sir James Harris delivered on his return to the Hague, respecting the Dutch having quitted the old natural allies, and joined themselves to France.

The Fair Maid, Captain Lambert, was blown up by some accident near New-Calabar, and all the crew, together with 50 slaves, perished.

In a heavy gale of wind about a fortnight ago, a boat belonging to Mr Wintle, of Newnham, going down to a ship in the river, with two men and a boy, was overset; a trow at a little distance instantly sent off their boat to their assistance; one of the men had got on the bottom of the boat, and drawn the boy to him, the other man was carried away by the stream, and sinking when the trow's boat approached. The fellow on the boat nobly said to the trowmen, "Hasten to save my comrade; he has a wife and six children. Our lives are of no consequence." The trowmen immediately exerted all their strength, and came up in the instant that the man was sinking, and saved him; and afterwards took in the generous fellow and the boy on the bottom of the boat."

Tuesday died in Harley-street, Cavindish Square, Lawrence Sulivan, Esq; many years Chairman of the East-India Company.

Extract of a letter from Lille, Feb. 24.

"On the 12th his Imperial Majesty's Commissioners arrived here; they immediately went to the Commandant's house, where they were received by their Highnesses' Commissioners, who after having delivered the keys to the Imperial Commissioners, caused a bell to be rung; all the inhabitants upon this assembled on the parade, and were relieved from the oaths formerly taken to the States General; after this the arms belonging to the Republic were taken away. In the afternoon the Dutch garrison, consisting of 200 men, marched out of the fort, and took the road towards Bergen-op-Zoom. The judges, the legates, and other persons in civil employments, took shipping with their families, the inhabitants accompanying them to the shore, and testifying by their tears how afflicting this separation was. A detachment of the regiment of Clairfaix entered Lillo on the 13th, mounted guard, and displayed the colours of the Imperial army; and on ringing the bell, all the inhabitants assembled again, where the Procurator General administered to them an oath of submission to his Apostolic Majesty. Before night the fort of Liefhenshock, the Kruischans, and Fort Frederick Henry, were evacuated in the same manner, and delivered into the possession of the Imperial commissioners."

Yesterday, at Guildhall, No. 16,131 was drawn a prize of 1000 l.

No. 32,541, 23,114, prizes of 100 l.

And the following prizes of 50 l. each:

No. 2707, 11,518, 28,077, 5841, 39,906, 27,506, 37,888, 41,953, 5148, 7552, 12,802, 34,372, 38,608.

This day, at Guildhall, No 39,109 was drawn a prize of 10,000 l.

No. 40,167, 33,681, prizes of 100 l.

And the following prizes of 50 l. each:

No. 28,835, 26,294, 29,428, 20,851, 7111, 31,064, 42,477, 33,384, 45,802, 5506, 45,631, 48,269, 22,338, 39,323, 8494.

PRICE OF STOCKS, FEB. 25.

Bank Stock, —	Ditto New Ann. —
5 per cent. Ann. —	Ditto 1751, —
4 per cent. Ann. 1777, 89¾.	India Stock, 159¼ a ½.
3 per cent. con. 69¼ a ⅜.	3 per cent. Ann. —
3 per cent. red. 70½ a ¾.	India Bonds paid, —
3 per cent. 1726, shut.	Ditto unpaid, 49 prem.
Long Ann. —	Navy Bills, —
Ditto 1778, —	Exch. Bills, —
South Sea Stock, —	Lottery Tickets, 25 l. 10 s.
3 per cent. Old. Ann. —	a 24 l.

WIND AT DEAL, Feb. 23. E.

EDINBURGH.

Extract of a letter from London, Feb. 25.

"The government of India no longer remains to be disposed of. The Court of Directors of the East India Company have at length appointed Earl Cornwallis to proceed to Bengal as the successor of Lord Macartney. It is no wonder that he should have been unanimously elected by the Directors; but it is much to his Lordship's honour, that he should have been recommended to them, as a proper object of their choice, by the whole of the Board of India Controul, who were of opinion, that the noble Earl was the most likely person to restore peace and order in India, and promote the prosperity and interest of the Company.

"By the appointment of Lord Cornwallis, a place of some consequence will be for Ministry to dispose of, his Lordship being Lieutenant of the Tower, the salary of which is one thousand pounds a-year.

"Lord Hood owes his appointment, as commander at Portsmouth, to Prince William, who particularly interested himself with his Royal parent on the occasion.

"Several Councils have lately been held in the Admiralty, for the purpose of arranging matters previous to the grand review that is to take place in the spring.

"The Prince of Denmark is certainly to be at the ensuing magnificent display of the British Navy, and his marriage with the Princess Royal is more confidently talked of than ever.

"The treaties of commerce with France and Russia still continue as they were, notwithstanding the expectations held out of their being brought forward, and finally concluded on.

"The report of a certain heir apparent being married to Mrs F———t is again revived. She is, to be sure, a fine woman, though a widow; and there is no doubt of his having, for these some years past, paid a very particular attention to this lady.—But there are many solid objections to such a connexion ever taking place. Besides being a subject, this lady's religion is an unsurmountable bar. She is a rigid Catholic, insomuch that the ceremonies of mass are performed by a Romish priest at her house every Sunday. No bishop or clergyman would venture to marry them; nor if they did, would the marriage be valid, as the consent of Parliament must first be obtained. In short, they might be supposed to do any thing but *marry*."

Mrs Brown of Coalston was yesterday safely delivered of a daughter.

On Friday last the 24th ult. died at Hospitalfield, near Arbroath, Miss Ann Frazer, only daughter of David Frazer, Esq; of Kirkton. It is hoped

her friends and relations will accept of this as a proper notification of her death.

On Friday the 24th ult. died at Brodie-House, the Right Honourable Lady Margaret Brodie, universally and juſtly regretted. It is requeſted her friends and relations will accept of this notification of her death.

This day, the Lord Provoſt, Magiſtrates and Council, unanimouſly voted the freedom of this city to his Grace the Duke of Athole, the Right Hon. the Earl of Caſſillis, and Lord Elphingſtone.

We are aſſured, that upwards of five hundred emigrants, moſt of them young men of ſpirit and enterpriſing diſpoſitions, ſome of them of good family, who acted as officers in the late war, after having tried in vain for ſeveral years, to turn their activity to ſome account in their native country, are now nearly ready to embark on the weſt coaſt of Scotland, with a view to try their fortune on ſome more hoſpitable ſhore. They were detained laſt year in hopes that ſome opening might have been given to them to adventure in the fiſheries; but ſeeing no proſpect of any thing effectual being done in that line, they have at laſt, reluctantly, reſolved to wait no longer.

There is reaſon to believe, that Adminiſtration were appriſed of this circumſtance; and ſurmiſes have gone abroad, that ſome difference in opinion has taken place in the cabinet on this ſubject.——A Gentleman, who is ſuppoſed to take the lead in Scottiſh affairs, is ſaid to have renewed the motion he made, about a dozen years ago, on the ſame ſubject, viz. to obtain a law to prevent the ſubjects from embarking for foreign parts, without the king's permiſſion. But another Right Hon. Gentleman oppoſed this meaſure, not only becauſe of its arbitrary appearance, but alſo on account of its being in other reſpects impolitic. That Gentleman, with his uſual penetration in reſpect of every thing relating to finance, immediately ſaw that this diſpoſition in the people might be converted to the emolument of the public. He obſerved, that Spain derives a conſiderable revenue from the introduction of ſlaves into her colonies; and why may not we derive a ſimilar benefit from the exportation of human beings from our own countries? On theſe principles, it is ſaid to be reſolved on, to bring a bill into Parliament for levying a certain duty per head on all emigrants who ſhall leave this country, which it is expected may, by a ſkilful management, be made to yield no inconſiderable revenue.

Though it is only of late that theſe elucidations have taken place in the cabinet, yet there is reaſon to ſuſpect it has for ſome time been in contemplation by this great financier who moved it, but was kept *in petto* till circumſtances ſhould be ripe for bringing it forward. When a tax was impoſed on callicoes, gauzes, and other infant manufactures, it was not the revenue only that was expected to ariſe from theſe branches that the propoſer of them counted upon; but as it was known that many perſons would thus be thrown out of bread in Scotland, it was not doubted but the emigrations would be proportionally increaſed thereby, and that a much greater revenue would be derived from that ſource than the other, which it was not doubted would ſoon tend very much to diminiſh the national debt.

For theſe intereſting particulars, we are indebted to a very ingenious correſpondent, from whom we have often obtained very uſeful information; and it ſerves as a clue to unravel the principles of many late tranſactions, which ſeemed altogether inexplicable. For example, it did not eſcape the ſagacious penetration of the Miniſter, that unleſs ſome method was taken to guard againſt it, the good effects of this ſalutary regulation might be fruſtrated, by the care with which men might be ſmuggled over to Ireland, which in this caſe would ſerve as a ſtepping ſtone to emigrants, and thus the duty be evaded. To guard againſt this evil chiefly, the Iriſh Propoſitions were brought forward; and in particular, with that view, the clauſe was introduced for binding the Iriſh Parliament, to impoſe from time to time the ſame duties on articles exported from thence, as the Britiſh Parliament ſhould have impoſed on the ſame articles exported from Britain: but the Miniſter not thinking himſelf at liberty then to explain the whole of his ſyſtem, it appeared unjuſt to the Iriſh; nor could the generality of the people in Britain perceive the great expediency of the meaſure, which it is now hoped they will do; and as they will now be able to ſee more clearly the beauty of that ſyſtem, they will not ſo much be ſurpriſed at the earneſtneſs with which he puſhed forward theſe Propoſitions, the utility of which thoſe who were not in the ſecret could not perceive.

With the ſame wiſe foreſight which diſtinguiſhes all the meaſures of the cabinet, it was judged expedient to give ſome hopes, that the fiſheries on our coaſts would be encouraged, as it was expected this circumſtance might detain many emigrants till the meaſures were ripe for being carried into effect, and that of conſequence none of them would get off without paying duty. The unexpected rebuff in Ireland deranged all theſe plans; but there is ſtill ſome hope entertained, that the people may be cajoled ſo as to adopt the Propoſitions. If that fail, it is meant, we are told, to try to get an expreſs act of Parliament in Ireland, impoſing the ſame duties on emigrants as in England. The great revenue to be derived from thence in Ireland, is to be the bait for paſſing it; and if that ſhall not prove ſufficient to induce compliance, ſurmiſes are to be given, that the penſion liſt will be curtailed. Theſe, we are told, are parts of that great plan of finance by which the national debt is to be paid off.

Thurſday laſt, a meeting of the Shopkeepers in Glaſgow was held in the Merchants Hall, to conſider of a petition to Parliament, praying for a repeal of the ſhop-tax, when a numerous company attended. They unanimouſly elected Mr Walter Ewing chairman; after which a petition was read and approved of, and immediately ſigned by all preſent.

Mr Wilſon from the Theatre Royal, Covent-Garden, made his ſecond appearance on Monday evening, in his original character of Don Jerome, and was received with univerſal approbation; as he was alſo in the part of Bayes in the Rehearſal, which, we hear, was got up as an after piece on the occaſion. His third appearance will be in Sir Peter Teazle and Midas.—*See Advertiſement.*

On Saturday morning about ſix o'clock, a fire broke out in a houſe in Chapel ſtreet, which threatened very ſerious conſequences, but was luckily got under by the exertions of the neighbours, with little damage. It was occaſioned by a candle being left near the bed, which ſet fire to the curtains.—This is a very prevalent and a moſt dangerous cuſtom.

The preſent ſtorm has been very ſevere in the north country. A few days ago, two young men periſhed, in paſſing the hills near Tay Bridge.

On account of the inclemency of the weather, the review of the 12th regiment, which was to have taken place at Muſſelburgh on Monday, is poſtponed till further orders.

The Lovely Mary, Gardner, from London to Leith, was all well in Sheerneſs harbour, the 22d current, the wind there at E. blowing hard.

The Brig Maria, Captain Weſtwick, from Borrowſtounneſs, laden with coals, of and for Falmouth, was wrecked on the Goodwin Sands on the 7th inſtant. Two of the crew, who are come back, give the following affecting relation of the misfortune: At 3 A. M. they were taken with a heavy ſquall of wind from the W. S. W. and while all hands were employed taking in the ſails, the ſhip ſtruck on the ſands; the rudder was knocked off in a little time, the main-top-maſt carried away, and the fore-yard broke in the ſlings. The ſea being very high, the ſhip forced over the bank, and came into deep water, when they perceived her ſinking faſt. They immediately hoiſted out their boats, and all hands, (ten in number), went into the long boat, and a ſhort while after the ſhip ſunk. Being unable to make the Engliſh ſhore, on account of the wind and ſea; at ſeven they ſet a blanket for a ſail, and bore right before the wind, (being the ſafeſt courſe); and after being nineteen hours in the boat, and undergoing the ſevereſt hardſhips and alarms, the boat having filled ſeveral times with water, they at laſt landed on Zurick Sea Iſland, or Netherland Schooner, all alive. They tried to ſell the boat, but the man whom the ground belonged to, inſiſted ſhe was his prize; they were therefore obliged to leave her, and ſeek their paſſages home.

Thurſday night, a fellow carried off from a ſhop in the Gallowgate, Glaſgow, a bundle of ſtockings; but being inſtantly purſued, he ran with ſuch violence againſt a lamp-poſt as almoſt foundered him, whereby he was eaſily taken, and lodged in priſon.

On Saturday evening laſt, betwixt ſix and ſeven o'clock, a young man went into the ſhop of Mr Wilſon, hardware merchant in Dumfries, to buy a pair of buckles; and as ſoon as he had fixed upon a pair, immediately ran off with them; and, though cloſely purſued, made his eſcape. During the purſuit they called out "Catch the thief," while he at the ſame time repeatedly cried "Hold the thief." He is a young man, about five feet four inches high, had on a great brown coat, his hair of a dark brown colour, tied behind, and he is of a dark complexion, with very long fingers. It is ſuppoſed there is a gang of vagrants harbouring about that place, as ſeveral petty thefts have been lately committed.

Extract of a letter from Aberdeen, Feb. 27.

"It muſt afford very particular pleaſure to obſerve, with how much good temper, and good manners, the preliminary ſteps in the buſineſs of the county election is managed by the two worthy candidates, and their numerous friends.

"Amidſt the unavoidable, and, in ſome degree, commendable anxiety of both parties for the event, how honourable is it, for the individuals in each, to ſuppreſs even the appearance of that keenneſs and aſperity, which has ſometimes been mingled in tranſactions of this nature. The candidates are both gentlemen of great reſpectability, and whichever may be fortunate enough to ſucceed, the other will have much reaſon to be proud of a moſt honourable ſupport."

Fiars for the County of Aberdeen, for crop 1785.

	Sterling.	s.	d.
Great Oats, with fodder		14	6
Ditto without fodder,		13	
Brocked Oats, with fodder,		12	
Ditto without fodder,		10	
Small Oats, with fodder,		10	
Ditto without fodder,		8	
Bear, with fodder,		16	6
Ware Bear, with fodder,		15	6
Ditto without fodder,		13	
Farm or Market Bear, without fodder,		14	
White Meal, 9 ſtone,		14	
Farm Meal, 8 ſtone,		12	
Market Malt,		16	
Peaſe,		14	
Wheat,		18	
Rye,		12	

LOCHLEVEN FISH.

CONSISTING of CHARR, TROUT of various kinds, PIKE, PERCH, and EEL, to be ſold by contract for the enſuing ſeaſon. The Fiſh will be delivered at Edinburgh, carriage free, or ſold at Kinroſs, as ſhall be agreed upon.

The fiſhing to commence as ſoon as the ſeaſon will permit, and to continue regularly during the ſeaſon.

Propoſals to be given in to Mr Bruce of Arnot, at his houſe, Nicolſon's-ſtreet, Edinburgh; or to Mr John Graeme writer to the ſignet, Nicolſon's-ſquare.

To the Printer of the Caledonian Mercury.

SIR,

THERE has been lately diſcovered in England a Latin manuſcript, containing a hiſtory of Great Britain, or rather of Europe, from the reign of Oliver to the acceſſion of the family of Brunſwick. It is ſaid to be written with great views, in a grand ſtile, and much in the manner of the Preſident de Thou, whom the author ſeems to have had in his eye, and to have copied without ſervile imitation; becauſe the ſtile is truly claſſical, and flows like that of Livy and Buchanan, whilſt the ſpeeches, occaſionally interſperſed in the work, are poignant like thoſe of Salluſt. This Hiſtory contains a very full account of Scottiſh affairs before and about the time of the Union of our kingdoms, and is full of anecdote, containing many facts that have eſcaped other writers. This intereſting work is executed with the boldneſs of a philoſopher, and the refinement of a politician.

The author was Mr Alexander Cuningham, a gentleman of his country and nation, concerning whom, his family, his education, and his fortune, his great abilities now firſt diſcovered in the manner I have deſcribed, excite a very general curioſity to be informed.

I ſhall ſketch here a few outlines of his life, which I hope, through the channel of your publication, to ſee filled up by thoſe intelligent perſons in this country, who, in the midſt of political torpor and frivolous inſipidity of modern amuſement, may yet have enough of the old Scot in them to riouſe themſelves from ſlumber at the ſound of national honour.

This apparition of mine lived much with the Lord Treaſurer Oxford, Lord Godolphin, and the Tweedale family, in the early part of his life.

He traveled abroad with the firſt Lord Lauderdale, and the celebrated Addiſon. He was Secretary to the Earl of Mancheſter, when his Lordſhip was Ambaſſador at Paris; and, in the beginning of the reign of Geo. I. he was ſeveral years Britiſh reſident at Venice.

He lived to an extreme old age, and died, about forty years ago, at London, where he paſſed by the name of *Add Pawky*, deſcriptive of that acute, ſevere, and dry humour, which, I am told, appears in his Hiſtory above mentioned.

Cuningham was a ſteady old Scot, a Freethinker, a Whig, an enemy to prieſts and prieſtcraft; and to women, I ſuppoſe becauſe he had been too fond of them, like moſt men of merit, in his younger days. A friend of mine remembers to have ſeen him, not long before his death, walking in St James's Park, all beſmeared with ſnuff.

I am ſenſible, Mr Printer, that, in theſe halcyon days of loyalty, the very ſound of whiggery muſt prejudice my worthy fellow-citizens againſt Mr Alexander Cuingham; but, for the ſake of literature and of common ſenſe, I implore them to paſs over this odious circumſtance, and contribute their mite to illuſtrate the life of ſo extraordinary a perſon, who preceded Voltaire and Hume in the compoſition of a Philoſophical and Political Hiſtory.

I am, Mr Printer, your humble ſervant,

AN OLD SON OF A W.

Several Eſſays delayed for want of room.

COMMON SENSE *in our next.*

ARRIVED at GREENOCK, February 24. Betſey, Young, from Oporto, with ſalt and wine.—26. Two buſſes with herrings.

SAILED, Feb. 24. Tortola, Douglas, from Virginia, with goods.—25. Peggy, Lamond, from Belfaſt, with goods.

LEITH, March 1.—No Arrivals.

SAILED,—Counteſs of Kintore, Milne, for Aberdeen, with goods.

Speaking and Writing Figures.

IN a few days will be exhibited in this City, that aſtoniſhing piece of Mechaniſm, the SPEAKING FIGURE, ſo much admired at Paris, Madrid, and London.—Alſo, An AUTOMATON WRITER, that writes in a legible hand whatever is propoſed to it.

Other particulars will be fully expreſſed in hand bills.

Auction of Books,

THERE is be SOLD by Auction in Mr HAY's VENDUE, To-Morrow, Thurſday, March 2. a valuable Collection of BOOKS, particularly Claſſics, which belonged to the late Mr John Inglis, Rector of the Grammar School, Canongate.

The ſale to begin at ſix o'clock in the evening.

Catalogues to be had at the Vendue.

A CONTRACTOR WANTED.

PERSONS willing to Contract for Building a SPIRE to St Andrew's Church in Edinburgh, are deſired to deliver Eſtimates, ſealed, to the City Clerks, on or before the 13th day of March current. The ſtone to be either Craigleith or Ravelſton, of the beſt kinds; and the prices of the different kinds of work to be mentioned in the eſtimates.

An Elevation and Section, and alſo a Model of the intended Spire, to be ſeen in the Council Chamber.

By the Right Hon. the Lord Provoſt, the Magiſtrates and Council of the City of Edinburgh.

WHEREAS of late Iron Bands, Locks, and other Iron Work, have been taken off the Gates of the Church Yard; and alſo the Lead that covered the Meadow Cage has been partly cut off and carried away.—A reward of FIVE GUINEAS is hereby offered to any perſon who ſhall inform againſt thoſe concerned in the above thefts, to be paid by the City Chamberlain, on conviction of the offenders.

To be LET, and entered to at Whitſunday next,

THE HOUSE in Regiſter Street, behind Prince's Street, preſently poſſeſſed by Mr Hallion as a Coffeehouſe and Tavern; either in its preſent ſtate, or the great room lately divided, may again be laid into one for a public ſhew or ſale room, which the proprietor would prefer.

The ſituation of this houſe, entitled to all the benefits of the Royalty, without being liable to any of the public burdens, renders it very fit for either of the above purpoſes, and will be a very great ſaving to any poſſeſſor.

If not let together, the large room will be fitted up as a public ſale room, and the other parts of the houſe let ſeparately from Whitſunday next.

For further particulars apply to Meſſrs Montgomery and Steele, confectioners in Prince's Street.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

NOTICE to the CREDITORS of Meſſ. JAMES ROBERTSON and CO late Merchants at Portſoy, and of JAMES and ALEXANDER ROBERTSONS, the Partners of ſaid Company, as individuals.

MR WILLIAM KEITH, accomptant in Edinburgh, truſtee for the ſaid creditors, hereby intimates, That, in conſequence of an adjournment of the General Meeting of Creditors held here yeſterday, there is to be another General Meeting held within the Exchange Coffeehouſe in Edinburgh, upon Friday the 24th March inſtant, in order that the Creditors may accept of Mr Keith's reſignation; and alſo to take under conſideration the ſtate of the bankrupt's affairs, and the management and proceedings of the truſtee ſince the ſtatutory meeting of the 27th May laſt.—Of which adjourned General Meeting, all parties concerned are hereby certified.

EDIN. March 1. 1786.

TO be SOLD by auction, at the houſe of John Campbell vintner in Perth, on Tueſday the 21ſt day of March 1786, betwixt the hours of twelve and two,

The Eſtate of Lednock, in the pariſh

of Methven and county of Perth, pleaſantly ſituated on the banks of the Almond, which river runs along the ſouth ſide of the eſtate for about a mile, and gives great command of water. There are ſeveral falls, which makes it convenient for erecting mills of various kinds, with ground proper for bleaching, and plenty of ſtone fit for building. The whole is incloſed, and great part ſubdivided. There is a convenient manſion-houſe, with a good garden and orchard, and ſome thriving plantations.

Any perſon chuſing to make a private bargain, for further particulars may enquire of Walter Miller writer in Perth, or James Miller writer in Edinburgh.

N. B. The upſet price will be 3500l.

GEORGE SWAN merchant, head of Carrubber's Cloſe, Edinburgh, begs leave to acquaint his Friends and the Public, That the goods for his Lottery are now all ready, and may be ſeen at his ſhop as above, viz. A Silver Tea-pot and Plat, a fine Time-piece, with ſeconds from the center, an Eight-day Clock; Silver Watches; Silver and Set Shoe, Knee, and Stock Buckles; Silver Tea-ſpoons, Plated Candleſticks, Gold Seals, Rings, &c. &c. His friends and the Public may depend, that he will pay every attention for their intereſt; and hopes to begin drawing the latter end of this month. Tickets, 5 s. each, to be had at his ſhop, as above.

N. B. He hopes that thoſe who wiſh to become adventurers will not miſs this opportunity, as a more equitable Lottery cannot be expoſed to the Public.

DUMFRIES.

GAME-DUTY.

A LIST of CERTIFICATES iſſued in the county aforeſaid, with reſpect to the ſaid Duty, between 25th March and 1ſt of October 1785; purſuant to an act of laſt Seſſion of Parliament, granting a duty on ſuch certificates.

Armſtrong, Lieut. Francis, of the 100th regiment of foot.
Alexander, James, in Coalchapple.
Buſby, John, Eſq; Tinwaldowns.
Buſby, Joſeph, Eſq; in Dumfries.
Bidwell, Captain Robert Booth, in Moffat.
Bell, Walter, Eſq; of Netheralbie.
Babington, Lieut. Murray, in Dumfries.
Bell, Richard, Eſq; of Ruric.
Barker, Thomas, in Sanquhar.
Black, James, in Springfield.
Carruthers, William, Eſq; of Dormonte.
Colon, Thomas, junior, of Auchencheain.
Clark, John, Eſq; of Furth-head.
Carruthers, John, Eſq; ſurveyor of the window tax.
Copland, William, Eſq; of Colliſtoun.
Clark, Samuel, in Dumfries.
Douglas, William, in Stitchill.
Daniel, James, Eſq; of Lochartbie.
Douglas, William, Eſq; of Luſs.
Dobie, Mungo, writer in Lockerbie.
Ewart, John, Eſq; in Dumfries.
Finan, Lieut. Roger, of the 100th regiment of foot.
Grierſon, Sir Robert, of Lagg, Bart.
Greig, David, Chamberlain to the Earl of Hopetoun.
Goldie, James, Eſq; of Stenhouſe.
Gilleſpie, Captain Rollo, in Dumfries.
Graham, George, Eſq; of Shaw.
Graham, Richard, writer in Edinburgh.
Hair, John, in Barnbacle.
Henderſon, George, in Craighawk.
Halliday, Simon, Whinnieriggs.
Harley, John, ſurgeon in Dumfries.
Johnſton, Andrew, Eſq; of Knockhill.
Irving, John, writer in Annan.
Johnſton, Captain John, in Pennerſhaughs.
Irving, James, Eſq; of Gribton.
Johnſton, John, in Roſs.
Johnſton, William, at Clackleith.
Johnſton, William, blackſmith in Dumfries.
Kennedy, Joſeph, ſurgeon in Lockerby.
Lawſon, William, Eſq; of Girth-head.
Leward, Capt. Peter, of the 4th regiment of dragoons.
Maxwell, Sir William, of Springkell, Bart.
M'Murdow, Captain John, at Drumlawrigg.
Maitland, Captain John, of Eccles.
M'Murdo, Major Lewis Geo. at Bonſhaw.
Maxwell, Lieut. David, at Broomholm.
Maxwell, Lieut. George, at ditto.
Maxwell, Welwood, Eſq; of Barncleugh.
Maxwell, Frederick, in Terregles.
Moffat, Edward, Eſq; of Shillingland.
Malcolm, George, in Burnfoot.
Nooth, Lieut. Col. of the 4th regiment of dragoons.
Nooth, Lieut. Harry, of the horſe grenadier guards.
Newall, David, writer in Dumfries.
Norris, Peter, in Hallyards.
Paxton, John, of Newarchyard.
Prolcyn, Lieut. Edm. of the 4th regiment of dragoons.
Riddick, William, Eſq; of Corbettoun.
Ramſay, James, in Dumfries.
Richardſon, John, Eſq; of Bilſh.
Rohiſon, Michael, poſtmaſter in Annan.
Richardſon, John, merchant in ditto.
Rome, Rndrew, innkeeper at Ruthwell.
Stewart, William, Eſq; at Hillſide.
Smith, Leonard, at Iſle.
Shore, Cornet Bohune, of the 4th regiment of dragoons.
Smith, Eaglesfield, Eſq; of Longhaw.
Staig, David, Eſq; in Dumfries.
Smith, Patrick, ſurgeon in Newmains.
Stewart, Samuel, Eſq; at Brownhill.
Smith, William, in Maxwelton.
Smith, Alexander, in ditto.
Sharp, Charles, Eſq; of Hoddam.
Smith, James, tenant in Locharlor.
Teſdale, Capt. Chriſtopher, of the 4th regiment of dragoons.
Thomſon, Lieut. of ditto.
Wilſon, Lieut. Robert, of ditto.
Welſh John Maxwell, Eſq; of Steelſton.
Yorſton, Reverend James, at Hoddam.

GAME-KEEPERS.

Names.	*By whom appointed.*
Aitken, John, ſervant to	Marquis of Annandale.
Brochie, Thomas, ſervant to	Capt. William Jardine of Jardinehall.
Brown, George, ſervant to	William Craik, Eſq; of Arbigland.
Corſon, James, at Dalwhat,	Alexander Ferguſſon, Eſq; of Craigdarroch.
Creighton, William, in Over Kirkcudbright,	Thomas Collow, jun. Eſq; of Auchinchain.
Colville, William, ſurgeon at Minnyhive	James Goldie, Eſq; of Stenhouſe.
Currie, Saml. in Annanholm,	Earl of Hopeton.
Carſon, John, ſervant to	Right Hon. Alex. Dalziel of Glenae.
Creighton, Robert, in Blackſtown,	Edward Moffat, Eſq; of Shillland.
Dickſon, Joſeph, in Ruthwell,	Rt Hon. Viſcount Stormont.
Douglas, Erſkine, Eſq; at Glen,	Lady Douglas of Kellhead.
Douglas, Thomas, writer in Edinburgh,	Hon. James Veitch of Elliock.
Herkneſs, George, ſervant to	His Grace the Duke of Buccleugh.
Henderſon, William, Eſq; at Comlongan,	Robert Henderſon, Eſq; of Cleugh-heads.
Kirkpatrick, Samuel, in Hills,	David Macculloch, Eſq; of Arewall.
Maxwell, Thomas, Eſq; brother to	James Maxwell, Eſq; of Kirkconnel.
Maxwell, Thomas, in Drumpark,	John Maxwell-Welſh, Eſq; of Steelſtoun.
Neilſon, Joſeph, at Cloſeburn,	Dr James Stewart Monteith of Cloſeburn.
Paterſon, William, ſervant to	Hon. Alexander Dalziel of Glenae.
Taylor, John, at Wanlochhead,	Hon. James Veitch of Elliock.
Williamſon, Lieut. Thomas, in Colliestoun,	William Copland, Eſq; of Colliestoun.

JOHN BUSHBY, Sheriff-Clerk.

By Order of his Majeſty's Commiſſioners for managing the Stamp Duties, JOHN BRETTELL, Secry.

To be SOLD, and entered to at Whitſunday next,

THAT DWELLING-HOUSE in St

John's-ſtreet, being the ſouthmoſt in the eaſt row, with the coach-houſe, ſtable, and hay-loft thereto belonging. The houſe is as ſubſtantial and convenient as any in the ſtreet. It may be ſeen on Saturdays, between the hours of one and two afternoon; and James Bremner writer in Edinburgh, will inform as to the price, &c.

FARM TO LET.

TO be LET for ſuch a number of years as may be agreed upon, The Farms of BLINKBONNIE and WEST MAINS of BLACKSHEILL.—The entry to the graſs at Whitſunday next, and to the reſt of the ground, at the ſeparation of the crop.

For particulars apply to the proprietor in Queen's Street, Edinburgh.

Black Bull Inn, Glaſgow, to Let.

To be LET for nineteen years, and entered to at Whitſunday 1787.

THE BLACK BULL INN, belonging to the Glaſgow Highland Society, as preſently occupied by Mr Patrick Heron.

The houſe contains an elegant hall, meaſuring 36 feet by 24½, a dining-room 25 feet by 15, eleven parlours 16½ feet by 15, beſides eighteen bed chambers, a very large and commodious kitchen, and a ſervants hall 15 1-half feet ſquare.

In the back Court, which can eaſily accommodate a number of carriages, there is a waſhing-houſe and well, a complete range of ſtables, with ſtalls for 40 horſes, and a loft which will contain near 4000 ſtones of hay; ſo that the premiſes form a moſt complete Inn; and for ſituation and convenience, cannot be equalled in the weſt of Scotland.

Perſons who have a view of becoming tackſmen, are deſired to communicate their propoſals between and the firſt day of June next, to Mr James Mathie, writer in Glaſgow, who in the mean time will be ready to give every information on the ſubject, that may be required.

Sale of Growing Woods,

On the 10th of March.

THERE is to be SOLD, by public roup, on Friday the 10th of March curt. at the houſe of Archibald Buchanan, innkeeper in Callender of Montaith,

A conſiderable Track of GROWING TIMBER, moſtly Oak, to commence cutting the enſuing ſeaſon, lying in the pariſh of Callender, and barony of Strathgairney, the property of Mr Drummond of Perth.—The woods are ſituated within ſixteen miles of Stirling; and there is a good carriage road from thence to and through the moſt of them. The Foreſters, who will be heard of at Callendar, will ſhow the woods; and John Campbell of Lochend at Callendar, or William Lumſdaine, clerk to the ſignet, will ſhow the articles of ſale, and inform as to other particulars.

The ſale to begin at twelve o'clock.

Sale of Feu-Duties and Houſes,

Lauriefton Street, Edinburgh.

TO be SOLD, by public voluntary roup, within John's Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, on Wedneſday the 21ſt day of March curt. between the hours of ſix and ſeven afternoon, (and not on Wedneſday the 1ſt, as formerly advertiſed)

I. FEU-DUTIES, payable out of ſundry tenements along Lauriefton Street, amounting to 35 l. yearly, and which will be ſet up at 17 years purchaſe.

II. That LODGING, being the ſecond ſtorey above the ſtreet of that new tenement lately erected by James Dun, preſently poſſeſſed by Mr Alexander Colvill, ſupervifor of Exciſe, containing a parlour, dining room, three bed-chambers, kitchen with a cloſet, and a cellar fitted up with catacombs.

III. That LAIGH HOUSE in ſaid Tenement, poſſeſſed by Mr Robertſon, containing a ſhop, two rooms, a kitchen, cellar, &c.

IV. That other LAIGH HOUSE poſſeſſed by Andrew Grier, weaver, conſiſting of a ſhop, a room, a kitchen, and two cloſets, and a coal-cellar.

V. That HOUSE poſſeſſed by Mr Baird, conſiſting of a room and kitchen, two cloſets, and a coal-cellar. To which will be added, if purchaſers incline, an unfurniſhed room, on the ſame floor.

Apply to Robert Renton writer in Edinburgh, or James Dun, wright in Laurieſton Street, the proprietor, who will ſhow the premiſſes, and who will treat with any perſon for the whole, or any part, betwixt and the day of ſale.

A VILLA in the neighbourhood of Edinburgh.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, (A. Ramſay's), on Wedneſday the 8th day of March 1786, between the hours of five and ſix afternoon,

The Lands of MORNINGSIDE, in the pariſh of St Cuthbert's, and ſhire of Edinburgh, with a commodious Manſion-houſe, a neat Garden, a new ſet of Office-houſes, a Bleaching Green, a Well of good water, and other out-door conveniencies. The lands are divided into three incloſures, with thriving hedges, and ſtripes of planting. Two of the incloſures are very old graſs. There is alſo a fruit wall on the ſouth of the garden, covered with well-bearing trees. The ſituation is remarkably pleaſant, lying between the turnpike road from Wrights Houſes to Braid on the weſt, and the Grange Loan on the eaſt. The whole conſiſts of about 22 Scots acres, have right to a ſeat in the Weſt Church, are held of the Magiſtrates of Edinburgh, for payment of 8l. 19s. 1-12th of a penny Sterling of feu-duty, 1l. 2s. 6d. 8-12ths, on the entry of heirs, and the entry of ſingular ſucceſſors taxed to 2l. 5s. 1d. 8-12ths Sterling; and they pay of ſtipend 3l. 13s. 10d. Sterling.

The houſe and grounds will be ſhown by the gardener at Morningſide.

A purchaſer may have poſſeſſion from the day of ſale.

For the encouragement of offerers, the whole will be ſet up at 2100l. Sterling.

For farther particulars, apply to Mr David Ruſſell accomptant in Edinburgh, or Anthony Barclay writer to the ſignet, Paterſon's Court, Edinburgh, to either of whom ſuch as incline to purchaſe by private bargain may give in propoſals.

Sale of Lands in Kirkcudbright.

To be SOLD by public roup, within the Old Exchange Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, upon Friday the 3d of March 1786, between the hours of five and ſix afternoon,

THE LANDS and ESTATE of BARMAGACHEN, lying in the pariſh of Borgue and ſtewartry of Kirkcudbright.

The preſent free rent of theſe lands is about 316l. beſides kains and caſualties, of which, however, about 12l. is liferented by a perſon of conſiderable age. The upſet price to be 5600l. which is only about eighteen years purchaſe of the preſent rental. Great part of the price will be allowed to remain in the purchaſer's hands. The tiends are valued.

The lands hold of the Crown, and give two freehold qualifications upon the old extent. There is a good manſion-houſe upon the premiſes, with offices of all kinds, and a large garden well ſtocked with fruit trees. The eſtate conſiſts of exceeding fine land, well ſituated for improvement, and a great part is already improved. The farm houſes are very ſufficient.

There is a good deal of wood about the manſion-houſe, upon which no value is put, and the manſion-houſe ſtands in a moſt delightful ſituation, about a mile from and in view of the ſea, and within three miles of the great military road leading from Carliſle by Dumfries to Portpatrick.

For further particulars apply to Mr William Keith accomptant, or John Tait junior, writer to the ſignet, Edinburgh; or Matthew Buchanan or John Smith, writers in Kirkcudbright. Mr Patterſon of Dunjop, in the neighbourhood, will ſhew the lands, and Mr Keith has power to ſell by private bargain. A plan of the lands may be ſeen in the hands of Mr Tait.

A COUNTRY HOUSE.

TO LET Furniſhed, and entered to at Whitſunday firſt, the Houſe, Office houſes, and Garden of REDHALL, with 50 acres of ground completely laid down. Redhall is three miles weſt from Edinburgh; is pleaſantly ſituated on the water of Leith; the garden and policy in the higheſt order. The ſervant at the houſe, will ſhow the houſe.

For further particulars, enquire of Captain Inglis the proprietor, at Auchindinny.

Sale of Lands in Dumfriesſhire.

UPSET PRICES REDUCED.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, upon Tueſday the 7th day of March 1786, between the hours of ſix and ſeven afternoon, the following parts of the Eſtate of MAXWELTON, belonging to Sir Robert Laurie of Maxwelton, Baronet, in the Lots after mentioned:

LOT I. The two-merk land of Caſtlefairn, conſiſting of upwards of 493 acres, whereof 112 acres are arable land, 20 acres meadow, and the remainder excellent paſture. Theſe lands are under leaſe current till Whitſunday 1793; the yearly rent of them, including caſualties and ſervices, is 84 l. 9 s. 2 d. Sterling. They are held of a ſubject ſuperior, for payment of a trifling feu-duty.

LOT II. The two-merk land of Neiſs, and ſerk-land of Ballinnie, conſiſting of upwards of 447 acres, whereof about 44 acres are arable, and 19 acres meadow; the remainder is moſtly ſheep paſture. Theſe lands were rentd, prior to Whitſunday 1783, at 49 l. 3 s. 10 d. but were ſet at that term, upon a three years leaſe, for the yearly rent of 37 l. They are held of a ſubject ſuperior, for payment of a ſmall feu duty. There is wood upon the lands, eſtimated to be worth at preſent about a year's rent, beſide the tool.

LOT III. The lands of Gordieſton or Gordonton, conſiſting of about 182 acres, whereof 32 acres are arable and meadow-grounds, and about 3 acres wood land of conſiderable value. The leaſe of theſe lands is current to Whitſunday 1799, and the yearly rent of them, including converted ſervices, is 39 l. 7 s. They are held blench of the Crown.

LOT IV. The two-merk land of Craigenvy, and one-merk land of Blackmerk, conſiſting of about 830 acres, where of upwards of 46 acres is arable or meadow ground. The rent of theſe lands, including converted caſualties, is 42 l. 15 s. 10 d. and the tenant beſides pays all public burdens. They are held of a ſubject ſuperior, for payment of a trifling feu-duty.

LOT V. The three and a half-merk lands of Gillygappoch, and mill thereof; the one half of the two and a half-merk lands of Dunreggan, of old extent; and the half of the forty-ſhilling Templands of Ingleſton in Glencairn.—Theſe lands compoſe the farms now called Hill and Bumfoot, and the mill and mill-lands of Gillygappoch.

The farm of Hill conſiſts of about 170 acres, whereof upwards of 83 acres is arable and meadow ground. The leaſe of this farm is current till Whitſunday 1793, and the yearly rent is 46 l. 19 s. 4 d.

The farm of Burnfoot contains upwards of 145 acres, whereof about 45 acres are arable or meadow ground. The former rent of this farm was 42 l. It lies contigous to the farm of Hill, and is at preſent poſſeſſed by the tenant of that farm from year to year, without any leaſe, at a rent of 26 l.

The mill and mill-lands of Gillygappoch are likewiſe poſſeſſed from year to year, without any leaſe. The preſent rent, including converted caſualties, is 18 l. 15 s. The mill-lands conſiſt of between four and five acres.

The arable lands contained in this lot are very valuable, and the paſture and meadow grounds remarkably good; and there is ſome wood upon this lot.

The three and a half-merk lands of Gillygappoch, and mill thereof, are held of a ſubject ſuperior, for payment of a ſmall feu-duty. The other lands in this lot are holden of the Crown.

LOT VI. The lands of Auchenſtroan and Stranſhalloch, conſiſting of about 790 acres, moſtly ſheep paſture, but containing about 34 acres of arable and meadow grounds. The preſent rent is 65 l. 3 s. 9 d. There is ſome wood upon theſe lands. They are held of a ſubject ſuperior for payment of a ſmall feu duty.

LOT VII. The two and a half-merk lands of Craiglyrian, conſiſting of about 790 acres, whereof upwards of 17 acres are arable, and 8 acres meadow grounds.

The lands of Meikle and Little Laggans, and conſiſting of about 284 acres, whereof 69 acres are arable, and 9 acres meadow ground. The remainder is very good cattle paſture, and there is ſome wood upon theſe lands.

The lands of Craiglyrian and Laggans are ſet together, under a leaſe current till Whitſunday 1797. The yearly rent of them is 121 l. 18 s. ſterling. They are held of ſubjects ſuperior, for payment of trifling feu-duties.

LOT VIII. The two merk and half-merk lands of Drumloff, containing upwards of 252 acres, whereof 30 acres are arable, and nearly 7 acres meadow-ground. The remainder ſheep-paſture. The leaſe of this farm is current till Whitſunday 1787. The preſent rent, including converted ſervices and caſualties, is 36 l. 11 s. and the lands are held of a ſubject ſuperior, for payment of a ſmall feu-duty.

LOT IX. The two and a half-merk land of Little Dibbons and Martour, and two merk lands of Meikle Dibbons, conſiſting of 1180 acres, partly arable and meadow grounds, and the remainder paſture. Theſe lands are let for four years from Whitſunday 1782, at the yearly rent of 55 l. the former rent was higher. They are held of a ſubject ſuperior for payment of a ſmall feu-duty.

LOT X. The lands of Breckonſide, conſiſting of about 253 acres, whereof upwards of 74 acres are arable, and nearly 4 acres are meadow grounds. Theſe lands are under a leaſe which expires at Whitſunday 1789. The rent, including converted ſervices and caſualties, is 38 l. 14 s. 6 d. They are holden blench of the Crown.

LOT XI. The lands of Fleughlarg, conſiſting of 138 acres and upwards, whereof about 71 acres are arable, and 3 acres meadow ground. Theſe lands are under a leaſe current for four years from Whitſunday 1782. The preſent rent is 38l. They are held of a ſubject ſuperior for payment of a trifling feu-duty.

LOT XII. The fifty-ſhilling land of Peilſton, conſiſting of upwards of 330 acres, whereof 76 acres are arable, and 10 acres meadow ground, and the remainder good paſture. This farm is under leaſe for four years from Whitſunday 1782. The preſent rent is 54 l. 10 s. ſterling, and there is ſome wood upon it. The lands are held of a ſubject ſuperior, for payment of a ſmall feu-duty.

N. B. The lands of Peilſton will either be ſold by themſelves ſeparately, or along with the lands contained in lot 5th, as may be agreed on.

All the above lands lie in the pariſh of Glencairn, and ſhire of Dumfries, except the lands of Graigenvey and Blackmerk in lot 4th, which lie in the pariſh of Dunſcore, in the ſame ſhire. The lands in general are well incloſed, and ſome of them ſubdivided. The eſtate of Maxwelton is valued *in cumulo*; ſo the valuation of the different lots above mentioned cannot at preſent be mentioned with certainty; but a ſcheme dividing the valuations is made up, upon principles which, it is thought, will be approved of.

The teinds of the whole lands above mentioned are valued, and will be ſold along with the lands, excepting only the teinds of the lands in lot 4th, lying in the pariſh of Dunſcore, which were valued ſo far back as the year 1634, and are exhauſted, or nearly ſo, by the ſtipend paid to the miniſter.

The rental of the lands is in the hands of Commiſſary Goldie at Dumfries. A copy of it, with the current leaſes, and the plans and meaſurement of the lands, together with the title-deeds, which are perfectly clear, and the articles of ſale, are in the hands of William Campbell writer to the ſignet, to whom any perſon inclining to purchaſe at the roup, or wiſhing to make a private bargain, may apply for further particulars. The tenants will ſhow the lands.

Sale of Lands in Berwickſhire.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

To be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, upon Thurſday the 9th March 1786, betwixt the hours of ſix and ſeven afternoon,

THE Lands and Eſtate of ANGERAW, lying in the pariſh and within three miles of the town of Greenlaw, conſiſting of 200 acres or thereby, and paying of yearly rent 150l. Sterling. The leaſe thereof expires at Whitſunday 1786, and an additional rent has been offered. The lands hold of the Crown, are all incloſed and ſubdivided, of a good ſoil, and capable of further improvements, having ready acceſs to lime by the Greenlaw turnpike road. There is on the premiſes a manſion-houſe, with garden and orchard, and a complete farm ſteading. The teinds are valued.

The upſet price will be 3700l. Sterling; and a conſiderable part of the price will be allowed to remain in the purchaſer's hands, if he ſhall incline.

The rentals, progreſs of writs (which are clear), and conditions of ſale, are to be ſeen in the hands of John Cockburn writer, Dunſe, or by applying to William Pringle writer, at Mr Cornelius Elliot's, clerk to the ſignet, Edinburgh.

Judicial Sale of Lands and Superiorities

In the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright,

By Adjournment, and Upſet Prices reduced.

TO be SOLD within the Parliament or New Seſſion-houſe of Edinburgh, upon Friday the 3d day of March curt. betwixt the hours of four and ſix afternoon,

The LANDS and SUPERIORITIES after mentioned, which belonged to JOHN COLTART of AREEMING, being all parts of the barony of Kirkpatrick-Durham.

LOT I. The Lands of Nether Knockwalloch, Upper and Nether Culfad, and Miln of Lochpatrick.

The proven free rent is L. 107 18 7 6-12ths

This lot was formerly ſet up at 2482 l. 8 s. 4 d. being 23 years purchaſe of the free rent, but it is now to be ſet up at - - - L. 2300 0 0

Theſe lands are held of the Crown, and afford a qualification in the county upon the old extent.

LOT II. The Superiority of the Lands of Auchinhay, Boghall, Moſs-ſide, Kirkmeadow, Barmoſſatie, Minidow, Culſhangan, and Knockwalloch.

The yearly feu-duties payable from theſe lands are - - - - L. 2 3 3

The upſet price of this lot was formerly 214 l. and is now to be ſet up at - - L. 180 0 0

LOT III. The Superiority of the Lands of Nielſon's Kirkland, Turner's Kirkland, Upper Mackartney, and teinds thereof, Bardarroch, Corſe, Barbain, Over Barr, Nether Barr, Holehouſe, and Sourhill.

The yearly feu-duties payable therefrom, are L. 1 15 5 11-12ths

The former upſet price of this lot was 259 l. but it is now to be ſet up at L. 230 0 0

LOT IV. The Superiority of the Lands of Kirklebride, Areeming, Upper and Nether Drumhumphreys, Tarbreach, and Garmartine.

The yearly feu-duties payable thereupon, are L. 1 6 8 11-12ths

The former upſet price was 229 l. but is now to be L. 200 0 0

Theſe three laſt lots afford each a qualification in the county upon the valued rent; but the purchaſers muſt ſatisfy themſelves as to that, and likewiſe as to the qualification on the old extent of Lot I.

LOT V. The Superiority of the Lands of Nether Mackartney, and teinds thereof.

The yearly feu and teind-duty payable therefrom is L. 1 4 9 4-12ths

The former upſet price of this lot was 68 l. but it is now to be L. 55 0 0

The Lands of Nether Machartney are valued at 134 l. Scots.

Theſe four laſt lots will be expoſed either ſeparately as above, or in one lot, at 665 l. as offerers ſhall incline.

The titles and articles of roup, may be ſeen at the office of Mr Kirkpatrick, depute-clerk of Seſſion; and further information will be got by applying to John Thomſon, writer in Kirkcudbright, factor upon the ſubjects.

SALE of LANDS and FEU-DUTIES,

In the Counties of Edinburgh and Roxburgh.

TO BE SOLD,

THE LANDS and BARONY of NEWTON, lying in the pariſh of Bedrule.

This eſtate is pleaſantly ſituated upon the banks of the river Teviot within a few miles of Jedburgh, Kelſo, and Hawick, all good markets, towns. The great road from Berwick to Carliſle runs through it. The ſoil is remarkably good and very improveable; and there is limeſtone in the grounds, and plenty of marl in the neighbourhood.

This eſtate contains about 740 acres, Scotch meaſure; holds blench of the Crown; ſtands valued in the ceſs-books of the county at 853 l.; and there is upon it a great number of fine old trees of conſiderable value, ſome natural wood, delightful ſituations for a manſion-houſe, and good quarries at a very little diſtance.

The Lands of MUIRHOUSE-LAW, lying in the pariſh of Maxtown.

Theſe lands, which contain upwards of 660 Scotch acres, hold feu of the Crown, and are valued in the ceſs-books of the county at 733 l. 6 s. 8 d.; are ſituated upon the great road from Edinburgh to Newcaſtle by Jedburgh, which runs along the weſt ſide of them; and are within a few miles of Jedburgh, Kelſo, Hawick, and Melroſe. They are very improveable, and in the neighbourhood of plenty of marl.

The Lands of HOISLAW-HILL, FALSIDE, and PLACE-GRADEN, lying in the pariſh of Linton.

This eſtate lies within a few miles of Kelſo, upon the weſt ſide of the great road from Edinburgh to Newcaſtle by Kelſo; contains 800 acres, Scotch meaſure or thereby; holds blench of the Marquis of Lothian; and is valued in the ceſs-books of the county at 586 l. 13 s. 4 d. The ſoil is good and very improveable, and there is plenty of coal and lime in the neighbourhood.

The Lands of NETHER CHATTO and EDLESCLEUGH, lying in the pariſh of Hownam.

Theſe lands contain 970 Scotch acres or thereby, all excellent ſheep ground; hold blench of the Crown, and ſtand valued in the ceſs-books of the county at 1144 l. 12 s.

The Lands of LONGLEE and GILLIESTONGUES, lying within the pariſh of Jedburgh.

This farm holds feu of the family of Douglas, conſiſts of about 400 acres Scotch meaſure; is ſituated upon the water of Jed, within two miles of Jedburgh; the great road from Edinburgh to Newcaſtle by Jedburgh runs through it; the ſoil is very good both for tillage and paſture; and there is upon it ſome fine old trees, and thriving natural wood of conſiderable value.

The Lands of LAVOROCKHALL or LARKHALL, lying in the immediate vicinage of Jedburgh; with ſundry acres to a conſiderable extent in the fields of Jedburgh, all holding of the Marquis of Lothian.

N. B. The whole of the above lands lie in the county of Roxburgh

AND

The SUPERIORITY of certain parts of the Lands of Pittendreich or Pendreich, lying in the pariſh of Laſſwade and county of Edinburgh, with the Feu-duties payable furth thereof, amounting to 60 l. 1 s. 8 d. Sterling in money, 46 bolls of wheat, and 46 bolls of barley.

The progreſs of writs, plans, and meaſurements of the grounds, with the rentals, and current leaſes, are to be ſeen in the hands of Patrick Kerr writer to the ſignet, to whom application may be made for further information. The preſent tnants and baron officers will ſhow the grounds.

JUDICIAL SALE OF

Lands in the County of Linlithgow,

By Adjournment—Upſet Price farther Reduced.

TO be SOLD, by public roup, within the Parliament or New Seſſion-houſe of Edinburgh, upon Thurſday the 2d day of March 1786, before the Lord Ordinary on the bills, the following SUBJECTS, which belonged to the deceaſed William Belchier of Grange, viz.

All and Whole the Lands and Barony of GRANGE, with the Coal and Salt-Works, Iron-ſtone, Iron-ore, and others, with the teinds and pertinents, as ſpecified in the act of roup.

Item, The Houſes, Kill, Malt-barn, and others, lying at Old Mill of Grange, of old called *St John's-bank*, and others which were purchaſed by the deceaſed William Belchier from David Stevenſon, ſon and apparent heir of the deceaſed David Stevenſon, ſhipmaſter in Borrowſtounneſs, being part of the ſaid barony, and holden feu of the heirs of the ſaid William Belchier, for payment of 10 merks Scots, 6½ bolls wheat and 8 hens yearly.

Item, The Houſes, Biggings, &c. in Bridgeneiſe, and Piece of Ground lying at the weſt ſide of the Cunningar of Grange, three kail-yards, a piece of Graſs Ground, &c. which were purchaſed by the ſaid William Belchier from Harry Allan writer in Edinburgh, being alſo part of the ſaid Barony, and holden feu of the heirs of the ſaid William Belchier, for payment of 20 s. Scots yearly.

The lands and houſes, &c. are proven to be worth 25 year's purchaſe of the nett proven rent, being 400 l. free of all deductions, amounting to L. 10,000 0 0

The coal and ſalt-works are proven to be worth eleven years purchaſe of the proven rental, being 300 l. amounting to - 3300 0 0

The iron-ſtone or iron-ore are alſo proven to be worth eleven years purchaſe of the proven rental, being 100 l. amounting to L. 1100 0 0

Total value, L. 14,600 0 0

Which was firſt reduced by the Lords to L. 13,800 0 0

And now to - - - L. 13,000 0 0

The lands lie within a mile of the town of Borrowſtounneſs, and are holden blench of the Crown, for payment of a penny Scots money, if aſked only. The proprietor is entitled to vote for a member of Parliament.

The articles, conditions, and acts of roup, will be ſeen in the hands of Alexander Stevenſon depute-clerk of Seſſion, or John Ruſſel clerk to the ſignet.

N. B. The whole ſubjects under ſale are ſet to one tenant, at the nett rent of 800 l. upon a 31 year's leaſe, which commenced at Martinmas 1771, and the tenant is thereby taken bound to pay every public burden and deduction whatever, affecting the eſtate, during the currency of the leaſe. The proprietor has right to the pier and harbour of Grangepans, where there is good accommodation for ſhipping.

LANDS IN AYRSHIRE.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary ſale, within the Exchange Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, upon Thurſday the 2d day of March 1786, at ſix o'clock in the evening.

The LANDS and ESTATE of SMEITHSTON and others, lying in the pariſh of Tarbolton and ſhire of Ayr. The groſs rent paid out of the eſtate at preſent is 373 l. 16 s. 6 d. 6-12ths ſterling, out of which there is paid to the miniſter of Tarbolton, who obtained decreet of augmentation 2d July 1783, in all 22 l. 13 s. 7½ d. Sterling, 10 bolls 2 firlots bear, and 4 bolls 1 firlot meal; but as two of the principal farms are let in graſs for three years, with an allowance to plough only a few acres, the rent of theſe farms may be conſiderably raiſed in letting leaſes for a longer term. The eſtate contains about 900 acres Scots meaſure, including about 92 acres of wood, which may be cut in the courſe of ten years; and there is a good garden, well ſtocked with nurſery and young trees for planting, and a houſe poſſeſſed by the gardener, none of which are included in the rental. The eſtate lies between the thriving villages of Mauchline and Tarbolton, and within a few miles of the towns of Ayr and Kilmarnock, to all of which there are good roads. The ſituation of the eſtate is pleaſant, part of it being bounded by the water of Ayr. It is at no great diſtance from coal and limeſtone, which can be brought at a ſmall expence, as the great road from Cannock to Ayr by Mauchline goes through part of the eſtate. The lands are holden blench of the Prince, and entitle the proprietor to two freehold qualifications. The tenants pay one half of the ceſs or land tax; the other half thereof, and the miniſter's ſtipend, are paid by the proprietor.

John Pollock at Woodſide will ſhew the grounds.

For further particulars, apply to John Ruſſell, clerk to the ſignet, Edinburgh, who has the title-deeds and articles of ſale.

N. B. Upon application to the ſaid John Ruſſell in Edinburgh, or to John Blake, Eſq; in Eſſex-ſtreet, London, or to Joſeph Sparks, or Edward Shewell, Eſqrs. at No. 118, Biſhopſgate-ſtreet-within, London, a private bargain for the ſale of the ſaid lands may be made.

SALE OF MOLLANCE,

Adjourned to Monday, March 6. 1786.

TO be SOLD, by public roup or auction, within the Old Exchange Coffee-houſe, Edinburgh, on Monday the 6th March 1786, betwixt the hours of five and ſix in the afternoon,

The Lands and Eſtate of MOLLANCE, with the teinds, lying in the pariſh of Croſmichael, and ſtewartry of Kirkcudbright, comprehending the following lands, viz. Mains of Mollance and pendicles, Erne-Annady, and Flat Moor of Moat Park, Chaplerne, Dubbydale, Halferne and pendicles, Upper Ironambry, Upper Clarebrand, Nether Clarebrand and pendicles, Garrington, Blackerne and pendicles, Little Dryburgh, Dunjarg, Meikle Dryburgh, Hillow own and pendicles, and Chapmantown and pendicles, containing in whole above 2336 acres Scots ſtatute meaſure: and the free rental whereof, after all legal deductions, is 1144 l. 17 s. 9½ d.

This eſtate is ſituated within twelve miles of Kirkcudbright, on the great military road to Ireland. The houſe is modern, large, and commodious, and, with a complete ſet offices, is in the very beſt repair.—There is an excellent pigeon-cot, and fiſh-ponds well ſtocked with carp, tench, and perch, with ſalmon, trout, and perch fiſhing in the river Orr and lochs adjacent. The ſituation is fine, commanding very extenſive proſpects of the adjacent country, which is remarkably pleaſant and well cultivated, and plenty of game in it. There is about 50 acres of wood in the policy, part of which is full grown, and part lately planted, and all in a moſt thriving condition, which, with the wood upon other parts of the eſtate, is eſtimated at above 500 l. Ster.

The fertility of theſe lands is too well known to need deſcription, and they are occupied by a ſet of as wealthy, induſtrious, and intelligent tenants as any in that country; and the uncommon punctuality with which the rents are paid is the beſt proof of the lands being ſet at moderate rents. They are capable of great improvement, by means of ſhell-marl, of which there is great abundance within the lands and in the neighbourhood. Coal and lime are brought by water carriage, within four miles of the premiſſes, where alſo the produce of the lands may be exported. A lime quarry is alſo juſt opened in the neighbourhood.

The lands are all incloſed and ſubdivided, and the farm-ſteadings are all lately built, and in the beſt repair.

James Carter, overſeer at Mollance, will ſhow the premiſſes. For further particulars apply to James Stormonth, writer in Edinburgh, or to the proprietor at Blackwood, by Dumfries.

To any perſon wiſhing to form a conſiderable intereſt in that part of the country, this eſtate muſt be a deſirable object, as it affords eight undoubted qualifications for electors of a member of Parliament.

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